



Richland County Council  
Rules and Appointment Committee  
**MINUTES**  
September 12, 2023 – 3:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Gretchen Barron, Chair, and Jason Branham

NOT PRESENT: Allison Terracio

OTHERS PRESENT: Chakisse Newton, Kyle Holsclaw, Michelle Onley, Anette Kirylo, Dale Welch, Patrick Wright, Stacey Hamm, and Angela Weathersby

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairwoman Gretchen Barron called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 PM.

Ms. Barron noted Ms. Terracio was traveling for business and would not attend this evening's meeting.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. July 18, 2023 – Mr. Branham moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham and Barron

Not Present: Terracio

The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** – Mr. Branham moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham and Barron

Not Present: Terracio

The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. **INTERVIEWS**

Mr. Branham moved to go into Executive Session to conduct interviews for the Richland Library Board and the Midlands Workforce Development Board, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham and Barron

Not Present: Terracio

The vote in favor was unanimous.

***The Committee went into Executive Session at approximately 3:03 PM and came out at approximately 4:50 PM***

Mr. Branham moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham and Barron

Not Present: Terracio

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Barron indicated the committee entered into Executive Session to hold interviews for the Richland Library Board and the Midlands Workforce Development Board and no action was taken in Executive Session.

- a. Richland Library – Four (4) Vacancies – Ms. Valerie Byrd Fort, Ms. Brenda Branich, Ms. Nitiki Satterwhite, Mr. David Campbell, Ms. Lisa Hammond, Mr. Robert Mathews, and Mr. Tyson Brown were interviewed.
- b. Midlands Workforce Development Board – Two (2) Vacancies (One applicant must be from the Private Sector, and one applicant must represent the Labor Industry) – Ms. Debra Stripling, Mr. Kevin McNerney, and Mr. Tyson Brown were interviewed.

5. **APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Richland Library – Four (4) Vacancies

Mr. Branham moved to appoint Ms. Valerie Byrd Fort and Ms. Brenda Branich, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham and Barron

Not Present: Terracio

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Branham moved to appoint Mr. David Campbell, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham and Barron

Not Present: Terracio

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Barron moved to appoint Mr. Tyson Brown, seconded by Mr. Branham.

In Favor: Branham and Barron

Not Present: Terracio

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. Midlands Workforce Development Board – Two (2) Vacancies (One applicant must be from the Private Sector, and one applicant must represent the Labor Industry)

Mr. Branham moved to appoint Mr. Kevin McNerney to fill the private sector vacancy, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham and Barron

Not Present: Terracio

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Barron noted the Labor Industry vacancy appointment is being held in abeyance until the committee gets clarification from Legal if the appointment is necessary.

6. **NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES**

- a. Accommodations Tax Committee – Four (4) Vacancies (ONE applicant must have a background in the lodging industry, TWO applicants must have a background in the hospitality industry, and ONE applicant must have a cultural background)
- b. Airport Commission – One (1) Vacancy
- c. Board of Zoning Appeals – One (1) Vacancy
- d. Building Codes Board of Appeals – Eight (8) Vacancies (ONE applicant must be from the Architecture Industry, ONE applicant must be from the Gas Industry, ONE applicant must be from the Building Industry, ONE applicant must be from the Contracting Industry, ONE applicant must be from the Plumbing Industry, ONE applicant must be from the Electrical Industry, and TWO applicants must be from the Fire Industry as alternates)

- e. Business Service Center Appeals Board – Three (3) Vacancies (ONE applicant must be from the Business Industry and TWO applicants must be CPAs)
- f. Central Midlands Council of Governments – Two (2) Vacancies
- g. Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority – One (1) Vacancy
- h. East Richland Public Service District – One (1) Vacancy
- i. Hospitality Tax Committee – Three (3) Vacancies (TWO applicants must be from the Restaurant Industry)
- j. Midlands Workforce Development Board – Two (2) Vacancies (ONE applicant must be from the Private Sector, and ONE applicant must be from the Labor Industry)
- k. Planning Commission – Two (2) Vacancies
- l. Richland Library – Four (4) Vacancies
- m. Richland Memorial Hospital Board – Five (5) Vacancies
- n. Transportation Penny Advisory Committee (TPAC) – Four (4) Vacancies

Mr. Branham moved to advertise the vacancies, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham and Barron

Not Present: Terracio

The vote in favor was unanimous.

7. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- a. Boards, Commissions, and Committee Advertisement Schedule – No action was taken.
- b. Applications Currently on File – No action was taken.

8. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Branham moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham and Barron

Not Present: Terracio

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:56 PM.